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1. TOWARD END OF MEETING WITH DEPT COUNSELOR NIMETZ JULY
17 (SEPTELS), TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL REFERRED TO JULY
4-5 TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH SECGENS. READING FROM
BRIEFING CABLE, WHICH HE SAID WAS BEING SHARED WITH US AND
FRG ONLY, ESENBEL DESCRIBED TALKS AS "POSITIVE" AND USEFUL,

THOUGH EXPLORATORY IN NATURE, WITH A PROSPECT OF FURTHER PROGRESS WHEN SECGENS MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.

2. ESENBEL'S PRESENTATION GENERALLY PARALLELED MFA BRIEFINGS PROVIDED TO AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS (REFTELS). HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS MADE BY ESENBEL WERE NOTEWORTHY:

-- THE GREEKS SUGGESTED THAT EACH SIDE INFORM THE OTHER OF MILITARY PLANNING AND EXERCISES. THE TURKS COUNTERED WITH PROPOSALS OVER BROAD RANGE OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, AS DESCRIBED REFTELS.

-- GREEKS AGREED THAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AEGEAN FIR WERE TECHNICAL IN NATURE, AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR CLAIM TO AIRSPACE. GREEKS NEVERTHELESS REMAINED "UN-

COOPERATIVE" RE CLAIM TO 10 MILE AIRSPACE AROUND SOME GREEK ISLANDS, BASED ON LONG STANDING GREEK LAW, WHICH TURKS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE. ISSUE WAS REFERRED TO EXPERTS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT TO SEC GEN MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

-- REGARDING CONTINENTAL SHELF, GREEKS PROPOSED TURNING MATTER OVER TO LEGAL ADVISORS. TURKS DECLINED AND INSISTED ON CONTINUING TALKS BETWEEN AMBASSADORS BILGE AND TZOUNIS. TALKS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS RE DEMARCATION OF SHELF WILL OCCUR THIS SUMMER IN ORDER TO
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